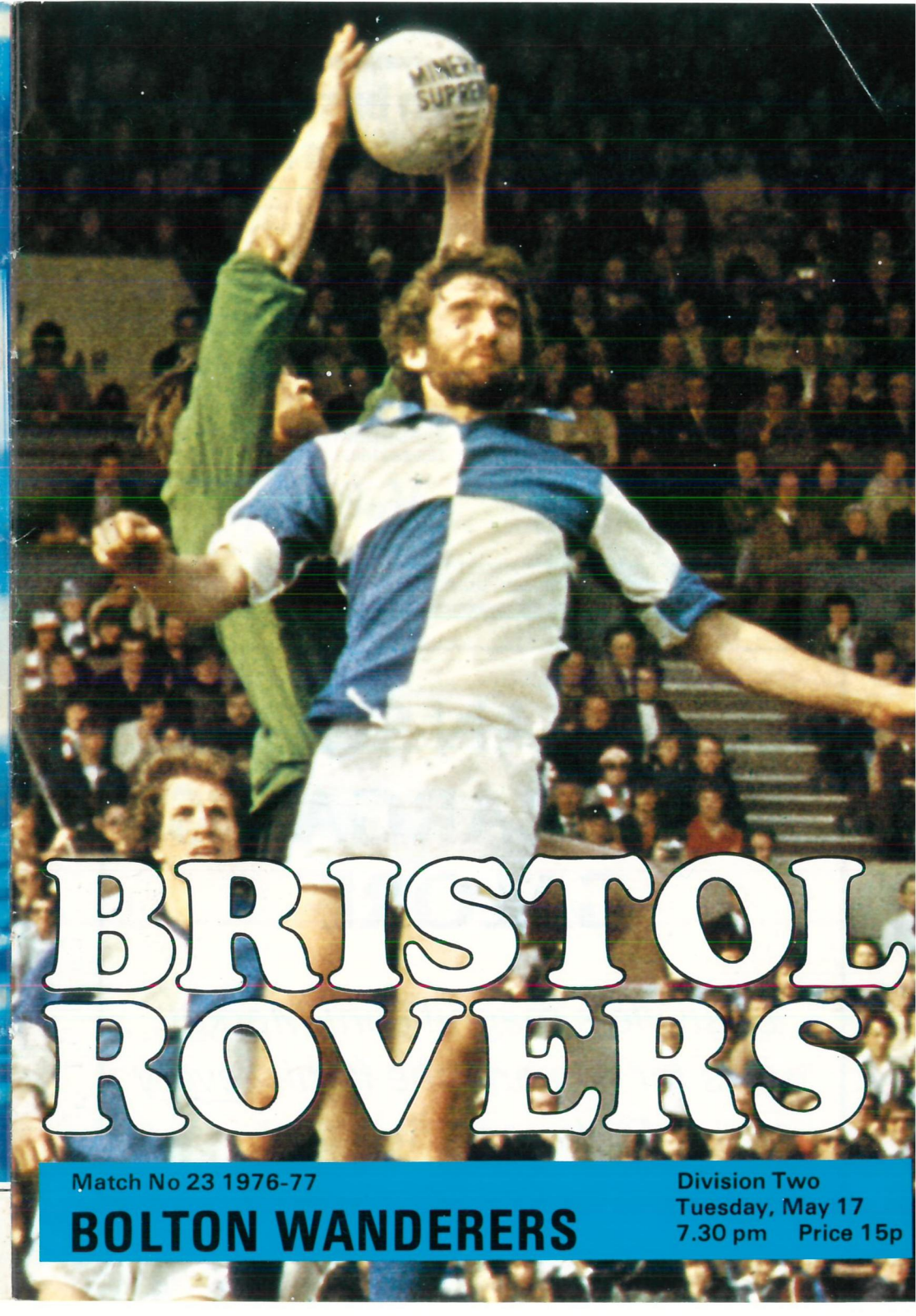




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DON MEGSON



All the talk recently has been about league tables and points rather than the quality of football being played.

It is inevitable since the introduction of three up and three down.

Carlisle's manager, Bobby Moncur, was reported as saying he felt it a great thing for the game, despite the fact his club have been very much involved in this season's Second Division relegation struggle.

Certainly, it stimulates a lot of interest in results and positions. But, judging from the gates, it is not doing anything to bring back the missing millions to the terraces.

Three up and three down is not doing anything to promote entertaining football. For so many clubs, the season becomes a matter of winning at all costs and games full of tension.

SHORT-TERM

Players who try to express individual skills are replaced by players who run and get stuck in because that is what the situation demands.

It may create short-term interest but not long-term. And the stylish type of football people will always come to watch gets sacrificed.

Everyone is success motivated today, not just in football. As long as the end result is right, it doesn't matter if a lot of rubbish has been produced in between.

People ask why clubs who have been struggling all season suddenly start picking up points towards the end. The reason is that they are fighting like hell to get out of trouble.

Teams can do that over a short period, but cannot sustain it all through a season. That is why the clubs with creative players take the top places at the end of a long programme of League fixtures.

ACTION ACTION

Meet the stars



LEFT: Ted MacDougall of Southampton and Scotland keeps Phil Bate at bay.



Some of soccer's big names have played at Eastville this season. ABOVE: Scottish international Charlie Cooke, now back in Chelsea's promotion winning side tussles with Brian O'Donnell during a reserve game.

Pictures by ALAN
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World Cup medal winner Alan Ball, now with Southampton, darts in against Peter Aitken and David Williams.

FOCUS



Vaughan hasn't been at Eastville very long but already he has broken a couple of records.

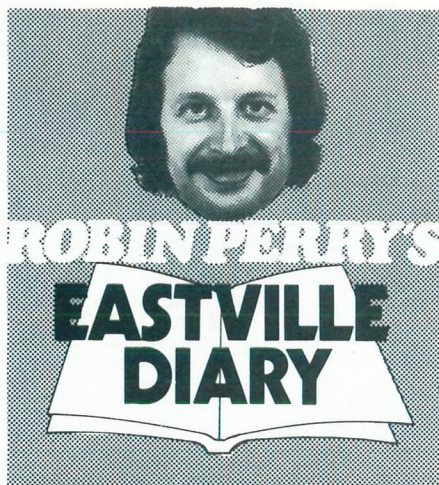
Last season, he played 19 times for Rovers Reserves while still at school — which is one record.

This season, after joining apprentice professional ranks, he has skippered the Reserve team at the tender age of 17 — another record.

Vaughan, confidently expects to be offered a full contract when he reaches 18 next September, comes from Tonyrefail, just outside the Rhondda Valley, and, despite attending a rugby only school, was capped for Wales Boys.

He came to Rovers as a full-back but now considers centre-back to be his best position.

VAUGHAN JONES



GOODBYE GUSSIE! . . . Ray Guscott released by Rovers. He played once in the League side.

Three releases

It will be goodbye to Eastville for three of the young Rovers' professionals at the end of this season.

Full-timers **RAY GUSCOTT** and **BRIAN O'DONNELL** and their part-timer **PAUL CHARLES** are not being offered new terms when their contracts expire at the end of next month.

All three are 19-year-olds and only Gussie has made the first team. He had an unexpected call-up for the game at Southampton just after Christmas — his only League appearance.

He served a soccer apprenticeship with Rovers after being discovered by the South Wales nursery and was twice robbed of Welsh youth caps — first by illness and then injury.

The speedy attacker has had 18 months as a full professional.

Utility man Brian has had just one season with Rovers, coming to Eastville along with **BILLY FOREMAN** after being released by Bournemouth when the club axed their reserve team and abandoned their youth policy.

Defender Paul, who comes from Somerset and is a student, played for the youth team last season and this season for the Combination team.

Good luck lads!

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*It was with very mixed feelings that **DON MEGSON** heard of Plymouth Argyle's relegation following their defeat at Sheffield United.*

*For, the previous day, his elder son **GARY** had signed a full contract with Rovers' West Country rivals.*

Gary, who was a pupil at The Ridings, Winterbourne, played for Mangotsfield United's youth team before becoming an apprentice at Home Park.

The sandy-haired midfield player was up-

19-year-olds ed by Rovers

graded to full professional on reaching his 18th birthday.

"It was very much a case of good news and bad news", said Don. "Obviously, Plymouth going down eased our problems but it is sad to lose a West Country club and obviously it is not a good thing from Gary's point of view."

Ex-Rover BRUCE BANNISTER, now, of course, with Plymouth, said of Gary: "From what I have seen of him, I reckon he is going to be a very good player."

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Rovers' senior players are not the only ones to go on tour this season. Schoolboy signing JEFF SHAW is just back from Germany.

The 15-year-old defender or midfield player has been over with the Welsh Boys' team for two matches against West Germany in Goslar and Hameln.

Jeff, who has been with Stan Montgomery's nursery for three years, comes from Bargoed and has been an ever-present in the Welsh schools side this season.

He has another year at school and is likely to become an apprentice professional next summer.

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I was saddened to hear of the death of MRS ESTHER ISAACS, a grand old lady and great Rovers supporter.

She died a week after having a leg amputated at the Bath Royal United Hospital.

The operation was a day before Rovers' game with Nottingham Forest. When her husband and son visited her the following morning, Mrs Isaacs was adamant she was going to the game in the afternoon.

It took a lot of persuasion by her family and the hospital staff to convince her she wasn't well to go to Eastville. I'm told her spirit was an inspiration and tonic to the whole ward.



BRIAN O'DONNELL . . . released after one season.

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ALAN KING introduces

BOLTON W

Bolton seem to like cliffhangers. Last season they missed promotion after looking early-season certainities. This term their battle for a Division One place led to a nailbiting climax.

With Wolves and Chelsea already assured of higher status in 1977-78, it was left for Bolton to battle out with Nottingham Forest for the third promotion spot.

Bolton have had a change of goalkeeper this season. Barry Siddall joined Sunderland in September for £90,000 and his place has been taken by the former Rotherham United player JIM McDONAGH. McDonagh cost Bolton £10,000 after a month's loan. In January, Bolton signed a second 'keeper, TERRY POOLE from Huddersfield.

Republic of Ireland international TONY DUNNE played 415 League games for Manchester United between April 1960 — when he was signed from Sherborne for £5,000 — and June 1973 when he was released. He has played 32 times for his country and won a European Cup winners medal, an F.A. Cup winners medal and two League championship medals during his Old Trafford days.

PETER NICHOLSON played six times for Blackpool before joining Bolton in August 1971. He was a regular member of the Bolton side which won Division Three in 1972-73.

ROY GREAVES also played in that title winning side. A midfield player he has spent the whole of his professional career with Bolton and played over 370 League games.

Centre half PAUL JONES has been the subject of transfer talk for a couple of years now. He was actually placed on the transfer list in August last year, but he still continues to dominate the Bolton defence. He has played over 230 League games since his debut at Swindon in February 1971 and is one of the highest scoring defenders in the League.

His defensive partner, SAM ALLARDYCE has only recently completed 100 League games but he is a very accomplished player. He made his debut in November 1973 against Notts County.

With former Liverpool and England winger PETER THOMPSON no longer a regular member of the side, the

best known player is former Manchester Scotland player WILLIE MORGAN.

Morgan, now 32, started his career with Bolton, joined United in August 1968 for £100,000, came back to Burnley in June 1975 for £32,000 and then to Bolton on a free transfer a year ago.

He has played 21 times for Scotland and 10 for Bolton in League games.

Top scorer this season is former apprentice WHATMORE who has netted over 20 League goals. He made his debut at Swansea in April 1973 and was still an apprentice at the time.

Second to Whatmore in the scoring list is TAYLOR who has 20 League and Cup goals in his major season. And he also has to undergo a medical operation.

GARRY JONES made his Bolton debut against Huddersfield and has played over 100 League games and scored 40 goals. He had a three-month spell with Sheffield United in February 1975.

Former apprentice PETER REID has been a professional since May 1974 and made his L

REFEREE

JOHN YATES (Redditch). Started refereeing in 1953 and moved from the Bromsgrove League to the Worcestershire Combination and the Birmingham League to the Football League. He was in charge of the Watney Cup final when Rovers won the competition in 1972 and has run the line in European competitions.

A senior industrial relations officer his hobbies are golf and travel.



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five months later against Orient. He did not miss a game last season. He won an England under 21 place this season.

ALAN WALDRON made his Bolton debut in the 1969-70 season but has played only 120 League games in all. His brother Colin has played for Burnley, Manchester United and Sunderland.

MICKY WALSH is one of the younger Bolton players who has been a professional since July 1974 and made his debut against Nottingham Forest in February 1975.

Full back JOHN RITSON has played all his League soccer with Bolton. Earlier this season he took his appearance total in the competition over the 300 mark.

As a kind of last minute insurance manager Ian Greaves the former Manchester United player and Huddersfield Town boss went into the transfer market to strengthen his squad.

He paid £35,000 to Sunderland for RAY TRAIN. A year ago Bob Stokoe decided Train was the man for a similar job when he paid £90,000 to take the player — then with Carlisle — to Roker Park. Train started his career with Walsall.

The latest Bolton team group (left to right) back row:—

Peter Thompson (inset), Peter Reid, Garry Jones, Roy Greaves, Mick Walsh, Brian Smith, Paul Jones (inset); middle row: John Byrom (now Blackburn), Sam Allardyce, Jim McDonagh, Andy Slack, Peter Nicholson, Neil Whatmore, Alan Waldron (inset); front row: Hugh Curran, Steve Taylor, John Ritson, Willie Morgan, Tony Dunne.



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Commercial Scene

by Graham Drew



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Aug.	14	Cardiff City (LC1)	A	1-2	8,496	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 ¹	11							
	17	Cardiff City (LC1)	H	4-4	5,592	1	2		4	5	6 ¹	7	8 ¹	9	10 ²		3	11					
	21	Blackpool	H	1-4	5,845	1	2		4	5		7	6	9 ¹	10	8			11	3			
	25	Cardiff City	A	2-1	12,680	1	8	2	4	5		7	3	9 ¹	10 ¹				11	6			
Sept.	28	Oldham Athletic	H	0-0	6,345	1	8	2	4	5		7		9	10		3	11	6				
	4	Fulham	A	0-1	21,172	1	8	2		5	11	12	4	9	10	7	3			6			
	11	Orient	H	1-0	5,493	1	8	3	4	5	6	7		9 ¹	10	12			2	11			
	18	Blackburn Rovers	A	0-0	7,751	1			4	5	6	7		9	10	11	3			2	12		8
Oct.	25	Notts County	H	5-1	6,238	1			4	5	6	7	3	9 ¹	10	11 ²			2			8 ²	
	2	Millwall	A	0-2	8,205	1			4	5	6	7	3	9	10	11				2			8
	5	Chelsea	H	2-1	13,199	1			4	5	6	7	3	9	10 ¹	11 ¹			2			8	
	16	Bolton Wanderers	A	0-1	12,771	1			4	5	6	7	3	9	10	11				2			8
Nov.	23	Plymouth Argyle	H	1-1	10,258	1			2	5	6 ¹	7	3	9	10				4			8	1
	30	Charlton Athletic	H	1-1	8-183	1			2	5	6	7	3	9	10				4			8 ¹	1
	6	Luton Town	A	2-4	7,066	1			2	5	6	7	3	9 ¹	10 ¹				4			8	1
	13	Hereford United	H	2-3	8,495	1			2	5	6	7	4	9 ¹	10 ¹		3			12			8
Dec.	20	Burnley	A	1-1	10,271	1		2		5	4	7	6 ¹	9	10	11	3					8	1
	27	Hull City	H	3-0	6,424	1		2		5	4	7	6	9 ¹	10	11 ¹	3	8 ¹	12				
	4	Nottingham Forest	A	2-4	16,302	1		2		5		7	6 ¹	9	10	11	3		4				8 ¹
	11	Carlisle United	H	2-1	5,496	1		2		5	4	7	6	9	10	11 ¹	3						8 ¹
Jan.	18	Sheffield United	A	3-2	15,201	1		2		5	4	7	8	9 ²		11 ¹	3					8	
	27	Wolverhampton W.	H	1-5	20,660	1		2		5	4	7	6 ¹	9		11	3	12				8	
	29	Southampton	A	1-2	19,790	1		2	4	5			7	9 ¹			3		6			8	
	1	Luton Town	H	1-0	7,185	1		2		5			7	6	9		10	3		4 ¹			8
Feb.	3	Charlton Athletic	A	3-4	9,742			2	5			7	6 ²	9		10 ¹	3	11	4				
	8	Nottm.F. (F.A. Cup)	A	1-1	17,770	1		2	6	5		7	8 ¹			9	3	10	4				
	11	Nottm.F. (F.A. Cup)	H	1-1	12,348	1		2	6	5		7	8	9 ¹		10	3	12	4				
	15	Cardiff City	H	1-1	9,272	1		2	6	5		7	8	9 ¹		10	3	12	4				
Mar.	18	Nottm.F. (F.A. Cup)	N	0-6	5,736	1		2	6	5		7	8	9		10	3		4				
	22	Blackpool	A	0-4	9,288	1		2	6	5		7	8	9		10	3		4				1
	5	Oldham Athletic	A	0-4	9,529	1		2		5	4	7	8	9		10	3		6			12	
	12	Fulham	H	2-1	11,140	1		2	4 ¹	5	6	7	8 ¹			9	3	16					
Apr.	19	Orient	A	0-2	4,062	1		2	4	5	6	7	8			9	3	11	12				
	5	Notts County	A	1-2	10,058	1		2	4	5			7			9	3	12 ¹	6			8	1
	8	Blackburn	H	0-0	5,628	1		2	4	5	6		7			9	3	11	10			8	
	12	Millwall	H	0-0	6,242	1		2	4	5		7	10			9	3	11	6			8	
May	19	Chelsea	A	0-2	26,916	1				5	4	7	2			9	3	11	6			8	
	2	Plymouth Argyle	A	1-1	10,307	1			4	5	6	7	2 ¹			9	3		10	11		8	
	5	Wolverhampton	A	0-1	19,149	1		2	9	5	6	11	7			10			3			8	
	9	Southampton	H	2-3	11,479	1		2	4	5	6	7	11 ¹			10 ¹			8				9
June	11	Hereford United	A	1-1	7,195	1		2	4	5	6	7	11			10			8				9
	16	Burnley	H	1-1	6,373	1		2	4	5	6	7	11			10		12	8				9
	23	Hull City	A	1-0	4,599	1		2	4	5	6	7	11			10			8				9
	30	Nottingham Forest	H	1-1	8,893	1		2 ¹	4	5	6	7	11			10			8				9
July	7	Carlisle United	A	3-2	7,396	1		2	4	5		7	11			10 ¹	3		8				9
	14	Sheffield United	H																				
	17	Bolton	H																				
	24	Bris. City (GFA Cup)	H																				

FACTS & FIGURES

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Football Combination

Aug.	24	Plymouth	H	4-1 Guscott 2, Evans, Powell
Sept.	4	Swindon	A	2-1 Evans 2
	11	Oxford	A	0-2
	18	Orient	H	0-4
	25	Hereford	A	1-2 Guscott
Oct	2	Norwich	H	0-2
	16	Chelsea	H	0-1
	23	Birmingham	A	1-5 Evans
Nov.	6	Leicester	H	4-2 White 2, Britten, Bater
	20	Fulham	H	1-3 Evans
	24	Reading	A	2-1 Guscott, Aitken
	27	Luton	A	0-2
Dec.	11	West Ham	A	3-4 Day, White, Foreman
	15	Ipswich	H	0-2
Jan	12	Cardiff	A	0-3
	15	Plymouth	A	0-6
	29	Southampton	A	2-3 Aitken, Williams
Feb	2	Cardiff	H	2-1 Powell, Fearnley
	5	Tottenham	A	0-7
	8	Q.P.R.	H	0-0
	16	Swindon	H	1-2 Warboys
	23	Orient	A	0-2
	26	Southampton	H	2-0 Staniforth, Williams
Mar	2	C. Palace	A	3-0 Guscott, Evans, O.G.
	5	Hereford	H	1-0 Foreman
	9	Arsenal	H	0-2
	12	Norwich	A	0-4
	19	Reading	H	2-3 Guscott, White
	22	Bristol City	A	1-2 Day
Apr.	26	Chelsea	A	0-2
	2	Birmingham	H	0-2
	16	Leicester	A	1-3 Fearnley
	19	Tottenham	H	0-1
	23	Luton	H	2-0 Jackson, Evans
	26	C. Palace	H	3-3 Jones, Hamilton, Evans
May	30	Fulham	A	0-2
	2	Ipswich	A	0-4
	7	West Ham	H	0-2
	14	Arsenal	A	
	16	Oxford	H	

To be arranged: Bris. City H

DIVISION TWO

(Up to and including May 9)

	Home						Away							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	G.D.
Wolves.....	41	15	3	3	4	8	1	6	10	4	3	5	24	+38
Chelsea.....	41	14	6	0	4	7	22	6	7	8	22	31	53	+16
Nottm For.....	42	14	4	4	5	3	22	7	7	7	24	21	52	+34
Bolton.....	39	14	2	3	4	4	19	5	8	7	27	31	48	+21
Notts Cnty.....	41	11	5	4	2	9	19	8	5	8	36	40	48	+6
Blackpool.....	40	10	7	3	3	8	17	5	10	5	28	25	47	+14
Luton.....	41	13	5	3	3	3	17	7	1	12	26	30	46	+18
Charlton.....	41	14	5	2	5	22	27	1	11	8	18	31	46	+12
South'ron.....	40	12	6	3	4	0	24	5	4	10	32	40	44	+8
Millwall.....	41	8	6	6	2	9	22	6	7	8	26	31	41	+2
Sheff Utd.....	41	9	8	4	3	2	25	5	4	11	21	35	40	+7
Oldham.....	41	11	6	3	3	6	21	3	4	14	15	41	38	-11
Blackburn.....	41	11	4	5	3	0	18	3	5	13	11	36	37	-13
Hull.....	40	9	8	4	3	1	17	1	8	10	13	31	36	-4
Burnley.....	41	8	9	4	2	7	20	3	5	12	19	42	36	-17
Fulham.....	41	9	7	5	3	9	25	2	6	12	15	35	35	-6
ROVERS.....	40	7	8	4	2	7	24	4	4	13	21	41	34	-17
Cardiff.....	40	7	5	8	2	9	29	5	4	11	25	35	33	-16
Carlisle.....	41	7	7	7	3	1	33	4	4	12	17	41	33	-20
Orient.....	39	4	6	8	16	20	20	5	8	8	19	32	32	-17
Plymouth.....	42	5	9	7	27	25	3	7	11	19	40	42	32	-19
Hereford.....	40	5	9	6	26	30	2	5	13	18	29	47	28	-23

YOUTH SCENE

by COLIN DOBSON



With next season in mind a very young "A" team travelled to Northampton and I was personally thrilled at the football they produced, to win 3-1 against a side that had twice this season beaten Bristol City youth.

The player in our team most pleased with the result was surely Paul Petts who, playing against his elder brother Gary and with his father, John, the Northampton manager looking on, scored our first goal.

Nice also to see Ashley Griffiths, a midfield winner of the ball, pop up with our other two goals. It's been hard getting "Ash" to push into opponents' penalty boxes and to see him scoring with a header inside the six-yard area

was a sight for sore eyes!

Our 1-0 home defeat by Bath City in the South West & Wales Youth League was a stunner. We dominated most of the 90 minutes and twice hit the post, then Bath scored with virtually the last kick of the game.

Football is a funny game, and this result does not cease to amaze me.

Next season sees our youth policy start paying dividends, with six new apprentice professionals joining the club after being closely viewed and coached over several years.

My congratulations go to the boys: Gary Clarke, Mike England, Ashley Griffiths, Gary Mabbutt, David Palmer and Martin Shaw.

I would now like to thank Bobby Jones, the ex-Rovers flyer, for all the help he has given me coaching these and other schoolboys over the last couple of years. Bob has found his work and commitments as player manager of Paulton Rovers make it necessary for him to give up his position at Eastville.

Obtaining a replacement for Bob, and recruiting other quality coaches, new coaching venues, new teams and leagues to be looked into, summer coaching organised — these are just a few of the many jobs to be done during the short summer "break" before the hustle and bustle of the new season begins.

GORDON BENNETT LOOKS AT tomorrow's man

PAUL PETTS



Although resident in Northampton for the past four years, Paul's family used to live in Winterbourne, and it was during that period that this talented right winger started attending Rovers' schoolboy coaching sessions.

As a regular member of the "A" team this season, he has enjoyed his weekend trips back to Winterbourne, where he stays with his grandparents, and his displays prompt youth coach Colin Dobson to predict: "Paul will be exciting lots of Rovers' fans in the near future".

A bright, pleasing personality, Paul is the type of lad we are sure will enhance the Club's reputation on and off the field when he joins the apprentice ranks on leaving school in fifteen months time.

QUICK QUIZ

compiled by Clive Godfrey

GROUND REGULATIONS

Rights of admission are reserved and subject at all times to the ground regulations of Bristol Rovers Football Club.

1. When was the first Cup Final played at Wembley?
2. Which teams played and what was the result?
3. How many times have Bolton Wanderers won the F.A. Cup?
4. What was Bolton Wanderers' record victory?
5. Who were Bolton's top scorers last season?
6. Who was Bolton's most capped player?
7. Who made the most League appearances for Bolton?
8. What is the record transfer fee received by Bolton?

SUPPORTERS' VIEWPOINT

The Pirates' disco for the Stuart Taylor Testimonial Fund will be held at the Mangotsfield United Social Club tomorrow and tickets at 75p will be available at the door. The disco will be from 8 p.m. until midnight. During the course of the evening, Stuart Taylor will present the Player of the Year Award to a member of our football team.

There is still some cash to come in from walkers who took part in our Sponsored Walk. I would be most grateful if remittances could be sent to me c/o Bristol Rovers' Supporters' Club, 468, Stapleton Road, Bristol, BS5 6PA, as soon as possible, so that we may pass this to our parent club.

This evening brings our League fixtures to an end and closes a season which has been full of tension with a nail-biting finish. The cloud overhanging our parent club has been the lack of finance. With the close season ahead and income sparse, may I appeal to our season ticket members to obtain their season tickets before May 31 as this will be a big help. For season tickets purchased before this date, the current prices will apply. You will be doing yourself a good turn as well as the football club. Even better, persuade your friends to buy season tickets and watch matches in comfort.

The annual general meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 22 at the stadium and members will be receiving the usual official notification in due course together with renewal forms inviting them to send their subscription for season 1977/78. Supporters not already in the official Supporters' Club may like to use the form below.

I always feel a trifle sad at this time of the year when the retained list is published. Lads whom you have come to know and like will be leaving for pastures new. They take our good wishes with them and we hope that they will soon be fixed up with other clubs.

ERIC GODFREY

APPLICATION TO JOIN BRISTOL ROVERS' SUPPORTERS CLUB

To:-
Hon. Membership Secretary,
Bristol Rovers' Supporters' Club,
468, Stapleton Road,
Bristol, BS5 6PA.

From:-

Name

(Block capitals)

Address

I wish to join the Supporters' Club and enclose a remittance for *..... Please forward my Membership Card after the Annual General, in the enclosed stamped, addressed envelope.

*50p or O.A.P.s 25p.

Dated

Signed

QUICK QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1923.
- Bolton Wanderers 2 West Ham United 0.
- Four times.
- 13-0 v Sheffield United. F.A. Cup. 2nd Round. 1st Feb, 1890.
- Jones (G) and Whatmore. 11 goals each.
- Nat. Lofthouse — 33 caps for England.
- Eddie Hopkinson. 519 appearances. 1956/70.
- £85,000 from Newcastle United for Wyn Davies, Oct. 1966.

NEXT MATCHES

SOUTH WEST & WALES YOUTH LEAGUE PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

Tomorrow, Wednesday
May 18 (7.30)

G.F.A. CUP FINAL

BRISTOL CITY

Tuesday, May 24 (7.30)

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TEAMS

ROVERS

Blue/White

- 1 Jim EADIE
- 2 Phil BATER
- 3 Lindsay PARSONS
- 4 Tony PULIS
- 5 Stuart TAYLOR
- 6 Frankie PRINCE
- 7 Kenny STEPHENS
- 8 Peter AITKEN
- 9 Wayne POWELL
- 10 David STANIFORTH
- 11 David WILLIAMS
- 12 Jimmy HAMILTON

BOLTON

Red

- 1 Jim McDONAGH
- 2 John RITSON
- 3 Peter NICHOLSON
- 4 Roy GREAVES
- 5 Paul JONES
- 6 Sam ALLARDYCE
- 7 Willie MORGAN
- 8 Neil WHATMORE
- 9 Garry JONES
- 10 Peter REID
- 11 Ray TRAIN
- 12 Steve TAYLOR

Referee: J. H. YATES

(Redditch)

Linesmen: R. B. GIFFORD

(Blackwood) red flag

I. F. WILLIAMS (Neath)

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